GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON TRANS ASIAN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has signed an Inter-Governmental Agreement on Trans Asian Railways project of UN-ESCAP;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement; and

(c) the total coverage of this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Agreement defines and lists the railway lines of international importance including the missing links and lays down the guiding principles relating to technical characteristics for providing seamless transport on the Trans Asian Railway network.

(c): The total Trans Asian Railway Network as finalized by the agreement has 80,900 Kms. of Railway lines in 28 countries including 22,600 Kms. in South Asia, Islamic Republic of Iran and Turkey.